

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Exaudi (the Seventh Sunday of Easter)
June 1st through June 7th, 2025

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Sixth Petition—Faith in Christ’s Righteousness Brings True Freedom—It is by the gift of Christ’s righteousness that we are delivered from every evil (Sixth Petition). This is why faith continues to pray that God would preserve us in His forgiveness against all evil. Satan’s desire is to tempt us away from the free gift of the righteousness of Christ. When our faith moves away from Christ’s righteousness then false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice come into our hearts and lives. So the faith that receives Christ’s righteousness is always calling upon Him in prayer to preserve us in the freedom of His righteousness.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or use as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: The Spirit Testifies to Jesus in Our Suffering.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Matthew 5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 51:1-12 (antiphon v. 10)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: O God, merciful Father, who does not despise the sighing of a contrite heart nor the desire of those who are sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers which we make before You in all our troubles and adversities whenever they oppress us, and graciously hear us that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man work against us may by Your good providence be brought to nothing, that we, Your servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—The Sixth Petition

What is the Sixth Petition?

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one.

We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.

Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Preschool +

Third Grade +

Prayer on the Sixth Petition: Heavenly Father, lead us out of temptation. Guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week of The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Exaudi)

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	The Twelve Apostles—Luke 6:12-19	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10
Tuesday	The Sermon on the Plain—Luke 6:20-26	Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
Wednesday	Love Your Enemies—Luke 6:27-38	Amos 3:1-8
Thursday	A Disciple and His Teacher—Luke 6:39-49	Amos 4:13–5:9
Friday	Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant—Luke 7:1-10	Amos 5:10-24
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Second Reading—Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21

Prayers: Collects for the Week; Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for The Seventh Sunday of Easter:

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In Our Prayers this Week (See Bulletin)

Lord’s Prayer and Luther’s Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

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Looking forward to the Week of Pentecost

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Hymns: 790, 497, 501, 500, 504, 624, 595, 651, 643

Genesis 11:1-9: Pride is faith in the self that exalts itself above God. Such love of self leaves us alone and scattered. Such is the lesson of the Tower of Babel. Apart from God we are alone and become enemies of one another as well as rebels against Him. When the Lord confounded the speech of all the peoples of the world, He manifested in us the division of sin that not only separates us from God, but that also separates us from one another. The curse of Babel is reversed on Pentecost, when the Gospel goes out in every language to every people to make us all one in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:1-21: The day of Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles so that they could “remember everything” that Jesus said to them as His eye-witness spokesman and proclaim to us His saving Word. The Church is founded upon the apostolic Scriptures which give faithful testimony to Christ.

John 14:23-31: Jesus says, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words...” The love of which Jesus speaks is the love of faith in Christ. It is the desire to receive all the forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord wants to give us. It is to trust in Him above all things. Such a love “keeps His Word.” To “keep” the Word is to cling to it in faith, to find our greatest delight in the Word, to watch, to pray, to cry out to God, to confess sin, to receive Absolution and the Supper, and to live in the freedom of Jesus’ forgiveness. Loving Christ and keeping His Word is alien to the Old Adam within us. In fact, quite often we are troubled by our lovelessness and faithlessness, so that we may even question our salvation. But the Holy Spirit comforts us. He testifies of Jesus and the love of God. He calls us to this faith and love, again and again, that we might receive Christ and His peace for our troubled hearts. By the Word and Spirit we sinners become the home of the blessed Trinity who gives us new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.